

G-IV-B-173

Chapin Mansion  
Deer Park  
Private

ca. 1891-1892

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Chapin Mansion

AND/OR COMMON

Chapin Mansion

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Off Deer Park Hotel Road, NE side, approx. .4 mile SW of Deer Park

CITY, TOWN

Deer Park

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Myrna J. Kahi

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Garrett County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT      ☐ DETERIORATED  
☒ GOOD            ☐ RUINS  
☐ FAIR            ☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Chapin Mansion is located NE off Deer Park Hotel Road, on what was originally Congress Avenue on the B & O Railroad plan of the Deer Park Hotel area (See G-IV-B-170). The site consists of the mansion and a smaller house, both facing SE. The houses are backed by a hillside covered with trees.

The masion is a two and a half story, gable-roofed, T-plan dwelling built in the Queen Anne style. The house measures five bays on the facade by eight bays and is characterized by a flared second story covered on with beige fishscale shingles and overhanging the first floor verauda on the SW, SE and NE elevations; a variety of window treatments, including six over six sash, triple hung sash, laucets and bow windows, and multi-planed elevations, deep eaves, and roof dormers. The house rests on a cut stone foundation and its first floor is covered with weatherboarding which has in turn been covered on the T with aluminum siding. The roof is covered with standing seam metal. The house has two interior brick chimneys: one fireplace chimney on the NE elevation and one stove chimney on the NW elevation and one stove chimney on the NW elevation. The verauda exhibits square posts and a plain square balust rade; the facade door is double, with a five-paned transom has also made several changes.

The smaller dwelling, originally a coachhouse, is reminiscent of the simple cottages designed by A. J. Downing in the mid-19th century. It is a two-story, gable-roofed T-plan dwelling with a projecting cross gable on the facade. The house, which was moved from another site on the property, rests on a cinderblock foundation and is covered weatherboarding. The six over six sash windows have mitred surrounds. The roof is covered with standing seam metal and the cross gable and the gable of the T on the NW elevation feature jigsawn bargeboards. The house has one interior cinderblock stone chimney at its E corner.

The interior of the dwelling exhibits a central hallway but is otherwise unknown. According to the occupant, some interior walls retain the original finisher of the courthouse. The two houses are linked by a covered walkway. This walkway, which is being enclosed, was installed in the 1920's when the mansion was a convent and the smaller house was its novitiate. The houses are now private residences.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1891-92

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This home is significant primarily as an example of vacation architecture, executed for the very wealthy in the Deer Park area at the end of the 19th century.

The house is easily one of the largest of the remaining Deer Park "cottages," and although it is not visually as pleasing as some of the others, its sheer size makes it exceptional.

The house was built for a couple named Chapin who were residents of Washington D.C. and probably escaped the heat of the summer by retreating to the coolness of Western Maryland. When they sold the property in 1907, however, they were living in Paris, which is probably an indicator of their financial state. The house was sold in that year to Charles H. Heyl, supposed to have been a recipient of the Nation's highest military award for bravery, the medal of Honor. In 1927, the houses were sold to the Society of Perpetual Adoration, who used them as a convent until 1960 when the order was withdrawn.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Ann Burns/ Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

1981

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Chain of Title

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Chapin Mansion

361/209        From: Michael J. and Barbara J. Cowgill  
8-1-75        To: Myrna J. Kahl  
Deed          Consideration: \$10.00 and "other good and valuable consideration"

"The Heyl Estate": 5 acres; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 in Block 3,  
Deer Park, plat laid out by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad  
Company, fronting on Congress Avenue

335/160        From: Kenneth R. Watson  
2-21-73        To: Michael J. and Barbara J. Cowgill  
Deed          Consideration: \$10.00 and "other good and valuable consideration"

5 acres

228/336        From: The Society of Perpetual Adoration, Washington, DC  
5-31-60        To: Kenneth R. and Grace Watson  
Deed          Consideration:

5 acres  
signed by Mother Marthe M. Filot - President  
Mother Elizabeth D. Fogarty - Secretary

95/539        From: William C. and Mary A. Skelly  
10-3-1927      To: The Society of Perpetual Adoration, Washington, DC  
Deed          Consideration: \$6,800.00

5 acres

89/454        From: Charles Heath Heyl, Jr. et al  
6-19-25        To: William C. Skelly  
Deed          Consideration: \$6,000.00

5 acres; "the Heyl Estate"

54/577        From: Bernard P. and Katherine C. Mimmack  
6-12-07        To: Charles H. Heyl, trustee  
Deed          Consideration: \$10.00

5 acres, subject to certain restrictions:

1. No "trade, business, manufactory or occupation whatsoever, and especially the sale of malt or spirituous liquors, or any nuisance" could be carried on; the property could not be used for "public amusement or for any purpose whatsoever than strictly for a private dwelling house."
2. Not more than two houses were to be erected on the tract conveyed, without the consent of Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company.
3. If any dwelling house was built on the property, the house "shall not cost less than \$1,500.00, and each stable attached thereto, if desired, not less than \$1,000.00."

54/564  
4-12-07  
Deed

From: Anna S. M. Chapin and Philip E. Chapin  
To: Bernard P. Mimmack  
Consideration: \$10.00

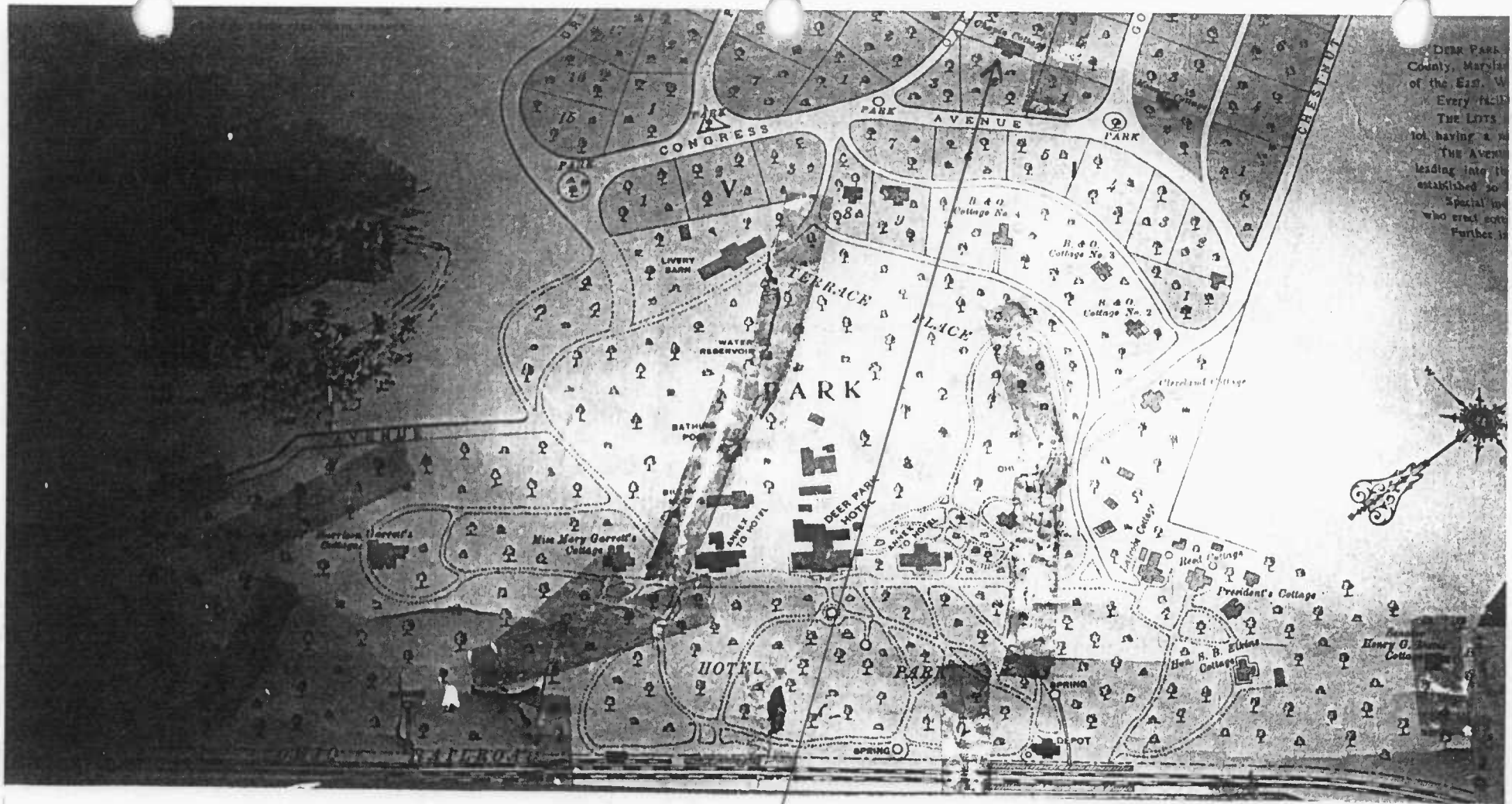
5 acres

The Chapins were from Washington, DC; at the time of the deed they were "temporarily residing in the city of Paris in the Republic of France."

16/604  
4-18-1891  
Deed

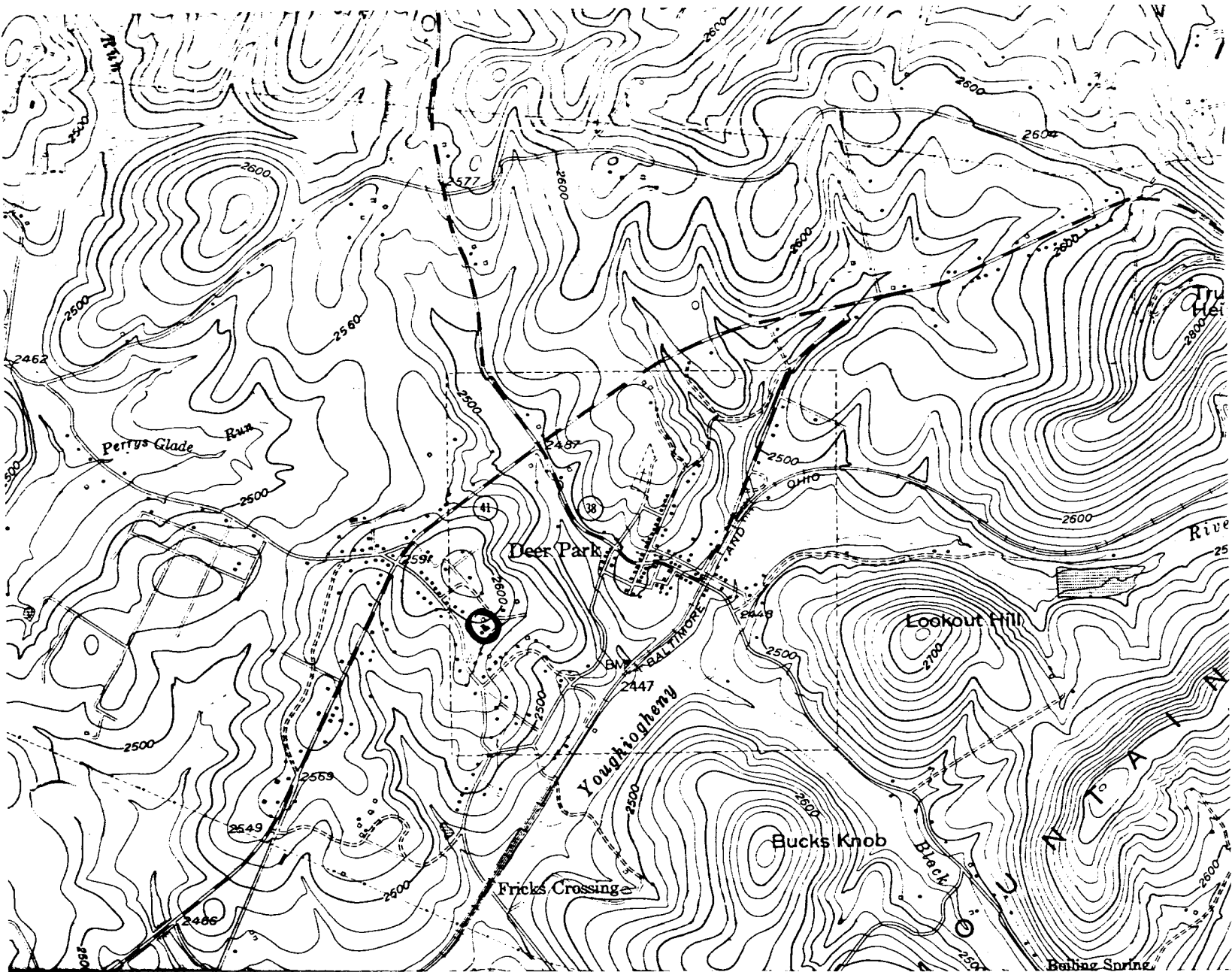
From: The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company  
To: Anna S. M. Chapin  
Consideration: \$500.00

5 acres,  
subject to the three restrictions mentioned above



DEER PARK,  
County, Maryland,  
of the East. W.  
Every facility  
THE LOTS  
not having a  
THE AVENUE  
leading into the  
established so  
Special use  
who erect cottages  
Further is

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Deer Park, MD  
 USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
 Scale - 1:24,000  
 1948; photorevised 1974

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Ann Burns 10/7/81

Hs. B: NE & NW elevs.



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Hs. B: SW elev; Fac-SE elev.



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Hs. A: SW elev.



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